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NASA satellite launching from CCAFS in October

▲ **ELV Update:** The Observatory Integrated Systems Test is under way on the **Swift** satellite in Hangar AE. This is an unabridged performance evaluation of the spacecraft's onboard systems. Swift is scheduled for launch Oct. 7 from Pad 17-A on Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

Last Monday, the Delta IV booster for December's GOES-N launch arrived by barge and was transported to a hangar at Launch Complex 37, CCAFS, the following day.

▲ **NASA Values Essay Contest:**

The "Living the NASA Values" essay contest is now under way! Win prizes and have your essay published in the *Spaceport News*! Just write a short essay of 300 words or less about one of the NASA Values: Safety, The NASA Family, Excellence or Integrity. Describe in your essay what the value means to you and provide an example of how that value has been demonstrated here at KSC.

This contest is open to ALL employees of KSC. Submit entries in a Word document attached to an e-mail message and send to: *ValuesEssayContest@kscems.ksc.nasa.gov*. Deadline for entries is midnight Aug. 29. Go to the Star Alignment Team Web site at **http://www.ksc.nasa.gov/nasa-only/SAT/index.htm** for more information about prizes and contest rules, and select the Essay Contest link; or contact Michael Bell at 867-3312.

Share your thoughts about NASA values in essay contest

■ **Reminder — KSC Bi-Annual Environmental & Energy Awards Nominations Due at Close of Business Aug. 20.** The award is given to an individual or team recognizing their contributions and/or successful operations in preserving the environment, conserving energy, and reserving natural resources while reaching for the stars. The categories are: (a) Affirmative Procurement, (b) Education, Outreach and Awareness, (c) Energy Conservation, (d) Environmental & Energy Leader, (e) Hazardous Waste, (f) Historic/ Archaeological Preservation, (g) Natural Resources/Habitat Conservation, (h) Recycling, (i) Waste Prevention, and (j) Water Conservation. Send nominations to TA-C3/ Barbara Naylor. For nomination forms, call 867-8452 or e-mail *Barbara.A.Naylor@nasa.gov*.

■ **Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Registry Combined Drive —** Florida's Blood Centers' **big red bus** will be in front of the Headquarters Building from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 19 for a Blood Drive. Minority participation in the National Marrow Donor Program Registry is urgently needed. This summer, gifts for donations from Florida's Blood Centers are half-price Sea World tickets and six tickets plus parking to Gaylord Palms Festival of Florida. **For an appointment, please e-mail *rwilburn@floridasbloodcenters.org* .** If you make an appointment today, you will receive a "Blood Drop" pin. If you would like to be a part of the National Bone Marrow Registry, please pick up information and paperwork in the Occupational Health Facility or in the O&C Fitness Center. If you have any questions, please call Stephen Pilkenton at 867-4662 or Kris Calderon at 867-3414.

■ **Last Month for KSC Visitor Complex Special Admission —** Through Labor Day, Sept. 6, all KSC and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station badged employees can receive one complimentary Maximum Access Admission to the Visitor Complex. Employees may also purchase up to six additional Maximum Access Admissions at 50 percent off. Badged employees must purchase tickets in person between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at ticket windows #1-4 at the Visitor Complex. Please present your badge at time of purchase. Visit **www.KennedySpaceCenter.com** For more information, or call 321-452-2121.

■ **Did You Know?** One of the speakers at the 2004 Super Safety and Health Day, being held Oct. 28, will be Olympic champion Bruce Jenner.

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